States of Assam, Orissa, Rajasthan, Bihar, Kerala and Tamil Nadu besides supporting on. going projects in the States of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh and Manipur. Apart from these schemes funds have been sanctioned under Integrated Hadloom Village Development Scheme during last year and current year for the States of Assam, Orissa Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Manipur and Tamil Nadu.

(c) About 50,000 families under the scheme of "Project Package"' and about 10,000 families under the scheme of Integrated Handloom Village Development are likely to be benefitted during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

वस्त्र उद्योग कामगारों द्वारा हड़ताल

4083. श्री सोपपाल : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वस्त्र उद्योग के कामगारों ने दिसम्बर, 1992 में हड़ताल की थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त हड़ताल के क्या कारण थे ; और

(ग) कामगारों की मांगों पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकट स्वामी) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) हड़ताल के कारणों में मजदूरियों का संशोधन, मंहगाई भत्ता और आवास किराया भत्ता बढ़ाने की मांग, वेतन वृद्धि की दर बढ़ाने (जिसमें सेवा के प्रत्येक पांच वर्ष के लिये एक वेतन वृद्धि का प्रावधान हो) मूल वेतन के 10 प्रतिशत की दर से भविष्य निधि अंशदान, कामगार पेंशन योजना शुरू करना, सभी स्थाई रिक्त पदों को भरना आदि थे । त्रिपक्षीय वार्ताओं के दौरान हुये करार के फलस्वरूप हड़ताल समाप्त कर दी गई ।

Scheme for modernisation of handloom

4084. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA; Will the Minister of TEXTILES *be* pleased to state-.

(a) whether Government propose to implement a new scheme for modernisation of handlooms;

(b) if so, the details of scheme and the progress made as a result thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the scheme has given a boost to the production of handlooms and its exports and if so, to what extent; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the scheme has benefitted the handloom weavers and if so, what is the number thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The Government is already implementing a scheme for modernisation of handlooms.

(b) The per loom assistance for , modernisation of looms is Rs. 4,000/-for ordinary loom, Rs. 8,000/- for Jacquard/Broad loom and Rs. 2,500/-for purchase of accessories. The Central and the State Governments are sharing the assistance equally. During the year 1992-93, a provision of Rs. 240.00 lakhs under the scheme has been made.

(c) Yes, Sir, the scheme of moder- nisation of looms has led to increase in production and value addition in exports of handloom made products.

(d) Approximately, 16000 handlooms in the country are expected to be benefitted under the scheme during 1992-93 consequently improving both the working and economic conditions of the weavers.